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I Always Dream of You in April

by Jane Downs

The dreamed-dead are colorless. Desire
wakes them. Desire to remember a child's touch,
snowflakes spiking a night sky.

You rise to journey under black trees
to my childhood home, where we couldn't help
loving each other, and I couldn't have imagined
your death or mine.

You may inhabit me this one month
(don't worry, there's room for both of us).
We'll share chilled April nights, the dark
sparked with lilac. Dawn's new light.

I am still your child. In April,
I will dream your dreams.

